
John Allen Chalk: Personal CorrespondenceJohn Allen Chalk

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November 4, 1966

Mr. Bill Goodpasture
Court Street Church of Christ
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Dear Bill:

Thank you for your kind letter of October 31. It was such a pleasure to hear from you again and to know that you would take the time to write about your activities with the Court Street congregation. I was, of course, dismayed to hear of the problems that you are having, but do sincerely hope that everything will turn out for the best. I know that things will work out for the best, especially as you keep yourself in surrender to God and acting according to the clear imperatives of His word.

I would encourage you to stay there as long as possible. Every month you stay is more experience gained and a better record compiled. It will be a great asset to you when you apply for other works if you have stayed for any decent length of time with a congregation. Of course, circumstances can make it imperative that you move, but that will be your decision to make.

Sue and I send you and Janice our love and prayers. We know that you have a great future before you in serving the Lord. I look forward to many opportunities for us to associate together in our mutual efforts in the days ahead.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

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October 31, 1966

Mr. John Allen Chalk
809 Byrd Drive
Abilene, Texas

Dear Brother Chalk,

I hope things are going well with you and your family. I know your work is going well because I hear you every week. I talked to don haymes a few weeks ago in Detroit. We met at the Conant Gardens church and discussed the work in the inner city of Detroit. He said he had seen you not long ago and that you all might work together on some relevant things for your scripts. Bro. James Nichols was telling me at the Herald of Truth Workshop that you were preaching too hard. You better slow down and get a little rest along so you can do greater things in the future.

Bro. Mitchell and I were very unhappy with the way the Halls were treated up here by the Royal Oaks elders. The whole situation didn't smell very good at all especially some of the things Ira Rice had to say.

Court Street has really had a struggle recently. I knew before I came up here that they had gotten into it hot and heavy over the eldership. It is still not cleared up by any means. It's been said that the only reason the elders brought me up here was to fill the building with "niggers." The elders are not educated at all but very godly men. They are trying to do what is right. They became discouraged once when the contribution went down and were ready to give up their sponsorship of the Herald of Truth. We talked and talked and they have put it on the shelf. I think they might even begin to contribute to the national fund. They are giving now \$35 a week to the local fund. I am one of the keys in this area and am trying to visit the churches that I've been assigned.

John, I have found out in a very short time that I will never be happy until I can be in the pulpit. I didn't realize just how much I missed it until I quit. With Bro. Mitchell considering another job and the unplesantness here I am looking for a place about next June.

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I'm almost ashamed to write because of the short time that I've been here. I'm not afraid of the fight either because I believe that things will level off here. Progress is being made because the Continental Church Builders will be here tomorrow night with new plans for this work here. I just want an opportunity to preach myself. I think I knew this two years ago but I had to do a little growing.

I hope you will begin to watch out for me. If you know of a place that needs a dynamic, energetic, "sound" (for a while), hospital visitor and bulletin putter out then let me know or them. Seriously, I realize my youth is not always in my favor. Then neither was your age. If a congregation is willing to give me a chance I'll carry the load. I'm confident I can do the work of older men because the Lord will help me do it. I have felt like I would like to work with the Herald of Truth some time in the future. If I can prove myself maybe that will be possible.

I certainly appreciate your time. You'll never know how much Janice and I treasure the friendship of you and Sue. I'll be looking forward to hearing from you if you can find a free moment. If an opening occurs that you think I will be interested in don't hesitate to drop me a line or call collect.

May God richly bless your work and your family.

In Him,

Bill Goodpasture